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NOTIFICATION

In pursuance to the directives issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs vide D.O. No. 1/22/2024-Public, dated 29th April 2024, the State Government hereby constitutes the State Level Screening Committee, for scrutinizing nominations/recommendations for the Padma Awards, namely; Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri, which are amongst the highest Civilian Awards of the country, comprising of the following members :-

1	Chief Secretary	Chairman
2	Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Government of Sikkim	Member
3.	Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, CM O	Member
4.	Head of Department/Secretary, Government of Sikkim, In-charge of the respective field of the nominee	Member
5.	Secretary, Home Department, Government of Sikkim	Member Secretary

The Committee may co-opt an expert as a Member if necessary.

2. The nominations/recommendations shall be submitted to the State Level Screening Committee for the Padma Awards by the respective District Collector of the Districts for which a District Level Special Search Committee shall be constituted under the chairmanship of the District Collector, for making concerted efforts in identifying such persons whose excellence and achievements deserve to be recognised and make suitable nominations in their favour.

3. While finalising recommendations, the following points will be kept in view :-

- (i) Persons recommended are pre-eminently worthy of the Awards, looking at their life-time achievements. The criteria for selection should invariably be 'excellence plus' and highest standards should be applied while recommending persons for these awards. The existence of an element of public service in the achievements of the person recommended for the award would be a desirable factor.

- (ii) As the Padma Award is the second highest civilian award of the country, it should also be considered whether the recommended person has earlier been given any National award or a State award in his/her respective field.
- (iii) Efforts may be made to identify talented persons from amongst women, weaker sections of the society, SCs & STs, divyang persons, etc., who deserve to be considered for the award.
- (iv) The decoration is normally not conferred posthumously. However, in highly deserving cases, Government could consider giving an award posthumously if the demise of the person proposed to be honoured has been recent, say within a period of one year preceding the Republic Day on which it is proposed to announce the award.
- (v) A higher category of Padma Award can be considered in respect of a person who has earlier been conferred an award, provided a period of at least five years has elapsed. However, in exceptionally deserving cases, a relaxation can also be considered.
- (vi) Government servants including those working with PSUs, except Doctors and Scientists, are not eligible for Padma Awards.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

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